Introducing by Representatives Alan Peter “Compañero” S. Cayetano, Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez and Bienvenido M. Abante Jr.

RESOLUTION


WHEREAS, Honorable Zenaida de Castro Maranan passed away on July 11, 2020 at the age of 75;

WHEREAS, during the Fifteenth Congress, “Ka Zeny,” as she was fondly called by her colleagues, constituents and friends, served the unexpired term of Representative Homer A. Mercado who resigned as the representative of 1-United Transport Koalisyon or 1-UTAK Party-List which centered on the protection and upliftment of the plight of small operators and drivers of public utility vehicles (PUVs);

WHEREAS, long before her stint as a Member of the House of Representatives, Ka Zeny was a dedicated and resolute national president of the Federation of Jeepney Operators and Drivers Association of the Philippines (FEJODAP) who spearheaded dialogues and consultations with various government agencies in defense and for the benefit of the disadvantaged members of the PUV transportation sector, and was also a reliable partner of the government in formulating timely and meaningful policies to fully serve commuters;
WHEREAS, Ka Zeny assumed the FEJODAP presidency in 2001 and pursued equally noble goals for the small operators and drivers of PUVs in the same breadth and passion that her late husband, Romualdo “Ka Romy” Maranan, led the FEJODAP as its national president from 1981 until his death in 2001;

WHEREAS, striking a balance for her acquiescence to the upgrading of rundown PUVs under the Public Utility Vehicle Modernization Program launched by the Department of Transportation in 2017, Ka Zeny relentlessly pleaded, until her last days, for assistance to the PUV drivers and small operators whose lamentable plight was aggravated even more by the lockdowns and community quarantine due to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, Ka Zeny will be remembered in death as she was known in life as a pillar of the public transportation sector, an advocate of drivers’ rights, a defender of the oppressed, and an inspiration in the fight to improve the lives of thousands of jeepney drivers and small operators who are the backbone of the country’s transportation industry: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, To express its profound condolences to the family of Honorable Zenaida de Castro Maranan, national president of the Federation of Jeepney Operators and Drivers Association of the Philippines (FEJODAP) and former Representative of the 1-United Transport Koalisyon (1-UTAK) Party-List during the Fifteenth Congress.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That a copy of this Resolution be given to the bereaved family.

Adopted,

ALAN PETER “COMPAÑERO” S. CAYETANO

BIENVENIDO M. ABANTE JR.       FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ